

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2008. The deadline for responding has been extended to August 14, 2008 by a request for an extension of time made herewith.

I. Discussion

Claim 38 has been canceled without prejudice. Various other claims have been amended to clarify the claims. Accordingly, claims 1-37 and 39-48 are now pending in the application. **Claims 1-37 and 39-48, i.e., all of the pending claims, stand allowed.**

Applicant has amended various allowed claims to clarify them by addressing grammatical, antecedent basis and/or other issues to improve the consistency and readability of the claims. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments clarify the claims without affecting their allowability. The amendments include, for example, deleting "a" and "an" before "means" since "means" is not singular. In addition, for example, with regard to claim 40 and various other claims, some amendments have been made so that the elements are referred to in a consistent manner.

As a result of cancellation of rejected claim 38 the application now includes only allowed claims. Thus, the application is now in condition for allowance.


II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Please charge any fees or overpayments that may be due with this response to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

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